



Interactives

IT'S PALM SUNDAY!

| STORY TIME |

AS JESUS CAME CLOSER TO JERUSALEM, HE ASKED TWO OF HIS DISCIPLES TO GO AHEAD OF HIM. HE SAID, "WHEN YOU GET TO THE TOWN, YOU WILL SEE A DONKEY TIED UP. UNTIE IT, AND BRING IT TO ME. IF ANYONE ASKS YOU ABOUT TAKING THE DONKEY, JUST TELL THEM, 'THE LORD NEEDS IT AND HE WILL BRING IT BACK AS SOON AS HE'S DONE WITH IT.'"

SO, THE DISCIPLES DID WHAT JESUS ASKED. THEY SOON FOUND THE DONKEY TIED AT A DOORWAY. AS THEY WERE UNTYING IT, SOME PEOPLE WERE STANDING NEARBY VISITING. THEY DIDN'T RECOGNIZE THE MEN AND ASKED, "WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH MY DONKEY?" THEY SAID WHAT JESUS TOLD THEM TO SAY, EXPLAINING THAT THE LORD NEEDED IT, SO THE PEOPLE LET THEM GO.

WHEN THEY BROUGHT THE DONKEY TO JESUS, SOME OF THE DISCIPLES TOOK OFF THEIR COATS AND LAID THEM ON THE DONKEY'S BACK. THEY DID THIS OUT OF RESPECT FOR JESUS. THEN, JESUS RODE ON THE DONKEY TOWARDS JERUSALEM.

AS HE WAS TRAVELING, SOME PEOPLE SAW JESUS COMING AND CAME RUNNING TOWARDS HIM. THEY HAD HEARD HE MIGHT BE COMING, AND THEY WANTED TO SEE HIM BECAUSE HE HAD JUST HELPED A DEAD MAN COME BACK TO LIFE.

ONE BY ONE, THEY LAID THEIR COATS ON THE GROUND FOR THE DONKEY TO STEP ON. EVEN THE PEOPLE THAT WEREN'T WEARING COATS RAN TO THE FIELDS AND TREES NEARBY TO CUT PALM BRANCHES TO WAVE AS JESUS PASSED BY THEM. THESE PEOPLE KNEW THAT JESUS WAS SPECIAL. THIS WAS LIKE ROLLING OUT A RED CARPET FOR A MOVIE STAR!

AS THEY GOT EVEN CLOSER TO THE TOWN, MORE AND MORE PEOPLE NOTICED JESUS. A CROWD SURROUNDED HIM AND STARTED TO SHOUT PRAISES TO HIM FOR ALL THE MIRACLES HE HAD DONE: "HOSANNA! BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD! HOSANNA! HOSANNA!"

THE WORD HOSANNA MEANS SAVE US. THEY SAID THIS BECAUSE JESUS WAS HELPING THEM AND DOING AMAZING THINGS FOR THEIR PEOPLE. THEY WANTED TO PRAISE HIM, AND THEY WANTED HIM TO KEEP HELPING THEM.

SOME MEN NAMED PHARISEES SAW WHAT WAS HAPPENING. THESE MEN THOUGHT THEY WERE IMPORTANT...A LOT OF THE PEOPLE LISTENED TO THEM. THEY HEARD THE CROWD PRAISING GOD AND SAID TO JESUS, "TEACHER, WHY DON'T YOU TELL THESE PEOPLE TO STOP PRAISING YOU AS IF YOU WERE GOD?"

THE PHARISEES THOUGHT THAT JESUS WAS GETTING TOO MUCH ATTENTION FROM THE PEOPLE. THEY WANTED TO BE THE MOST IMPORTANT, BUT EVERYONE WAS LISTENING TO JESUS INSTEAD.

JESUS REPLIED, "IF THEY WERE QUIET NOW, EVEN THE ROCKS WOULD CRY OUT!" EVEN THE ROCKS KNEW THAT JESUS WAS GOD...AFTER ALL, HE MADE THE ROCKS HIMSELF.

NOW JESUS COULD SEE JERUSALEM AND IT MADE HIM VERY SAD. HE CAME TO HELP PEOPLE, BUT NO ONE REALIZED THAT HE WAS GOD, AND THEY DIDN'T ACCEPT HIM.



| QUIZ TIME |

1. A great crowd of people were waiting along to road to

- a) Jerusalem.
- b) Bethlehem.

2. Who were the crowd of people waiting for?

- a) Peter the Great
- b) Jesus

3. Some had

- a) the branches of palm trees in their hands
- b) presents in their hands

4. What was Jesus riding on?

- a) A donkey
- b) A horse

5. How did they feel about Jesus?

- a) The crowd was angry with Jesus.
- b) The crowd loved Jesus.

6. What did they do when they saw Jesus?

- a) They started their picnic.
- b) They began to sing and wave their palm branches.

7. What did some people place on the ground for Jesus?

- a) Their coats
- b) A cushion for Jesus to sit on

8. What were the religious men who confronted Jesus in the story called?

- a) Shepherds
- b) Pharisees

9. What does *Hosanna* mean?

- a) Almighty God
- b) Save us

10. What were the people shouting?

- a) "Come and see Jesus."
- b) "Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!"



| COLOR TIME |

COLOR THE PICTURE OF JESUS RIDING INTO TOWN ON A DONKEY.



| REFLECTION TIME |

ANSWER THE QUESTIONS WHILE YOU LISTEN TO TODAY'S MESSAGE.

1. PASTOR TROY GAVE US FOUR CHALLENGES OF BEING A SHEEP. FILL IN THE BLANK...

- A. SHEEP GET _____
- B. SHEEP ARE _____
- C. SHEEP ARE VERY _____
- D. SHEEP ARE _____

2. DO ANY OF THESE DESCRIBE YOU?

3. WHAT ARE THE FOUR QUALITIES OF A GOOD SHEPHERD?

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____

4. DO YOU KNOW THE PSALM OR DO YOU KNOW THE SHEPHERD?

PRAYER: JESUS, I BELIEVE YOU ARE THE GOOD SHEPHERD! THANK YOU FOR SHOWING ME THE WAY. I WANT TO ALWAYS LIVE FOR YOU. THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME A NEW LIFE. NOW, HELP ME TO BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS, EVEN WITH EVERYTHING I'M GOING THROUGH. I TRUST YOU! IN JESUS NAME, AMEN.

